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**REMARKS AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone conference of August 1, 2007.

In the Office Communication dated July 7, 2007, the Examiner had indicated that Applicant's response to the Restriction Requirement was incomplete as a single species set forth in claims 37-40 was not elected.

Applicant's attorney pointed out that a species election was in fact made in the Response filed November 16, 2006. Specifically, Applicant elected the species "the effectiveness of said varying bioremediation strategies for said environment, wherein said microcosms are configured to be representative of said varying bioremediation strategies" from claims 37-40 at the bottom of page 22.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Application proceed to allowance or that an Office Action on the merits is issued.

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Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conference with the Applicant's Agent would expedite allowance of this application, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Dated: August 3, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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